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U.S. Ambassador Supports National Legislative Assembly Deliberations

U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan Susan D. Page congratulates the National Legislative Assembly and the President of South Sudan for their adherence to the democratic process through the ongoing vetting of the nominated Ministers and Deputy Ministers for the Republic of South Sudan Cabinet as required by the Transitional Constitution.

"The members of the National Legislative Assembly are to be congratulated for the establishment of a committee to review the qualifications of nominated Cabinet Ministers and Deputies and for exercising its oversight role of the Executive Branch," said Ambassador Page. The faithfulness to the Transitional Constitution that requires approval of the new appointees by the National Legislative Assembly "demonstrates that the members of Parliament are committed to a democratic path and strengthening the country's nascent democratic institutions."

This deliberative, reflective process, demonstrates adherence to the checks and balances system established in the Transitional Constitution and is an important positive indication of the growth of South Sudan's democracy. We encourage the President of the Republic of South Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, and the members of the National Legislative Assembly to remain committed to the democratic ideals and regional and ethnic diversity and representation of women as set forth in the Transitional Constitution in the composition of the Cabinet and all other appointments.

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